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JULY 21

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS STATEMENT BY POLISH REP DABROWA
SPEAKING IN NAME OF WARSAW PACT IN END OF ROUND PRESS
CONFERENCE IN VIENNA 21 JULY 1976.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

WE HAVE COMPLETED TODAY THE IXTH ROUND OF THE VIENNA
NEGOTIATIONS. IT HAS NOT RESULTED IN ANY CONCRETE AGREEMENTS.
THE ROUND HAS BEEN, HOWEVER, BUSINESS-LIKE AND HARD-WORKING.
I BELIEVE, IT WILL PROVE IMPORTANT FOR FURTHER PROGRESS.

A NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE
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IXTH ROUND WAS MADE BY THE SOCIALIST DELEGATIONS. OUR ACTIVE

LINE IN VIENNA IS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS THAT ARE UNDERTAKEN BY SOCIALIST STATES ON DIFFERENT PLANES IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND TO SPREAD IT ON MILITARY FIELD.

POLAND, TOGETHER WITH OTHER STATES-PARTIES TO THE WARSAW TREATY, ATTACHES A PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE PROGRESS IN THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS. IN 1976 TWICE, ON 19 FEBRUARY AND 10 JUNE, SERIOUS ENDEAVOURS WERE UNDERTAKEN BY THE FOUR SOCIALIST DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS - CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE GDR, THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND - TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR THE PROGRESS IN THE TALKS. OUR FEBRUARY PROPOSAL AND THE JUNE INITIATIVE ONCE AGAIN HAVE PROVED OUR CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TOWARDS THE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AS WELL AS OUR GENUINE INTEREST IN ACTIVATING THE NEGOTIATIONS AND GIVING THEM A MORE CONCRETE CHARACTER.

THE SOCIALIST STATES AIM IN THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUES TO BE THE DECREASING OF THE HIGH CONCENTRATION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE BY MEANS OF MUTUAL REDUCTIONS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SECURITY OF ANY STATE.

WE HAVE STATED ON MANY OCCASIONS, AND ON 29 JUNE THIS YEAR IN BERLIN IT WAS REMINDED AGAIN BY LEONID BREZHNEV, THAT IN CENTRAL EUROPE THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN THE SIZE OF THE WARSAW TREATY AND THE NATO STATES' ARMED FORCES AND THEIR LEVELS FOR MANY YEARS REMAIN MORE OR LESS EQUAL, WITH SOME DIFFERENCES IN PROFILE ON EACH SIDE. THE WESTERN STATES ARE AS AWARE OF THIS AS WE ARE.

THUS, THE RECOGNITION OF THE EXISTENCE OF GENERAL EQUILIBRIUM OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE RENOUNCEMENT OF THE POSTULATES AIMING TO UNDERMINE IT, ARE OF THE BASIC IMPORTANCE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

IN THE OPINION OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT, RECENTLY PRESENTED TO THE SEJM /PARLIAMENT/ BY OUR FOREIGN MINISTER STEFAN OLSZOWSKI, THE DIFFICULTIES FOUND IN THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE THEIR CAUSE IN THE DEMAND PUT FORWARD BY THE WESTERN STATES FOR REDUCTIONS IMPAIRING THE EXISTING RELATIONSHIP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF FORCES AND THUS BEING CONTRADICTORY TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY OF ANY STATE.

THIS DEMAND IS CLEARLY EXPRESSED IN THE WHOLE WESTERN REDUCTION SCHEME: IN THE CLAIM FOR ASYMMETRICAL REDUCTIONS OF GROUND FORCES, ALMOST THREE TIMES LARGER FOR THE WARSAW TREATY STATES THAN FOR THE NATO COUNTRIES; IN THE REQUIREMENT FOR COLLECTIVE CEILINGS WHICH COULD ENABLE FURTHER GROWTH OF ARMED

FORCES OF INDIVIDUAL STATES IN THE AREA; IN THE REFUSAL TO REDUCE WESTERN ARMAMENTS, EXCEPT FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS; IN THE INSISTENCE ON THE UNJUST METHOD OF REDUCTION PROVIDING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF A SOVIET TANK ARMY AND OF A MUCH SMALLER NUMBER OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS TAKEN INDIVIDUALLY FROM DIFFERENT UNITS.

THE SOCIALIST STATES LOOK FORWARD FOR A POSITIVE APPROACH ON THE PART OF THE WESTERN STATES TOWARDS OUR PROPOSAL OF 19 FEBRUARY 1976. THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED MANY TIMES, SO I DO NOT HAVE TO PRESENT IT AGAIN. NEVERTHELESS, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT ONE OF ITS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ELEMENTS.

BY PRESENTING THIS PROPOSAL THE SOCIALIST STATES HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT STEP RESPONDING TO THE NATO STATES' POSITION. WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE WESTERN CONCEPT OF CONSIDERABLE SEPARATION IN TIME OF THE USSR AND THE USA REDUCTIONS /IN THE FIRST STAGE/ FROM THE OTHER DIRECT PARTICIPANTS' REDUCTIONS /IN THE SECOND STAGE/ AND, ACCORDINGLY, THE CONCEPT OF TWO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS.

WE HAVE AGREED TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT PROVIDED THAT THE SECOND STAGE OF REDUCTION WILL IN FACT TAKE PLACE AND THAT ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL MAKE TO IT THEIR DEFINITE REDUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS. THEREFORE WE HAVE PUT FORWARD A FULLY JUSTIFIED REQUIREMENT FOR APPROPRIATE GENERAL GUARANTEES FROM THE WEST EUROPEAN STATES AND CANADA, WHOSE FORCES AMOUNT TO 75 PERCENT OF ALL THE NATO FORCES IN THE AREA. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A SATISFACTORY ANSWER YET.

IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND, THAT ALL FOUR SOCIALIST DIRECT PARTICIPANTS HAVE DECLARED THEIR READINESS TO REDUCE ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND HAVE DEFINED THE DATE AND VOLUME OF THEIR REDUCTIONS. AMONG THE SEVEN WESTERN DIRECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICIPANTS SO FAR ONLY ONE /THE USA/ HAS STATED THE VOLUME OF ITS REDUCTION IN THE FIRST STAGE. OTHER WESTERN PARTICIPANTS HAVE NOT INDICATED EITHER THE DATE OR VOLUME OF THEIR REDUCTIONS.

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THE PROBLEM OF GUARANTEES ON ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECOND STAGE REDUCTION IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR OUR NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IS NOT ONLY THE QUESTION OF ENSURING THE MUTUALITY OF REDUCTIONS BUT ALSO THE QUESTION OF CONFIDENCE AS TO THE REAL INTENTIONS OF THE PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. MUTUAL CONFIDENCE MUST BE BUILT BY ALL STATES, NOT ONLY BY THE SOCIALIST BUT BY THE WESTERN AS WELL.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL ON FREEZING THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF DIRECT PARTICIPANTS' ARMED FORCES IN THE AREA OF FUTURE REDUCTIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CERTAINLY ADD TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE GOOD ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS AND TO THE GROWTH OF CONFIDENCE, WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED. IT WOULD BE A CONCRETE AND, AT THE SAME TIME, RELATIVELY EASY STEP TO CARRY INTO EFFECT IN OUR SEARCH FOR THE WAYS TO HALT THE ARMS RACE IN EUROPE.

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IN THE EXISTING SITUATION OF MILITARY EQUILIBRIUM IN CENTRAL EUROPE, THE WESTERN STATES' REFUSAL TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A MOVE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE NATO DECISIONS ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR FORCES IN EUROPE, CAUSES OUR

SERIOUS CONCERN.

IN THE IXTH ROUND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE GDR, THE USSR AND POLAND PRESENTED THEIR DATA ON THE OVERALL NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE WARSAW TREATY NUMBERS' ARMED FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, INCLUDING FIGURES ON GROUND FORCES, FOR 1 JANUARY 1976.

THE SOCIALIST STATES HAVE ALWAYS EMPHASIZED THAT THE EXCHANGE OF DATA SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY THE SOLUTION OF THE KEY-PROBLEMS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT AND FULLY JUSTIFIED POSITION. HOWEVER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PERSISTENT CLAIMS OF THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS THAT THE LACK OF DATA IS HAMPERING THE PROGRESS IN THE TALKS, WE HAVE TABLED OUR FIGURES.

WE HAVE ASKED THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO TABKE THEIR RESPECTIVE UP-TO-DATE DATA CONCERNING THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE NATO STATES' ARMED FORCES IN THE AREA. ALSO WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR READINESS - AFTER THE WESTERN DATA ARE PRESENTED - TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT OF DATA. UNTIL TODAY THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS HAVE NOT REACTED TO THIS QUESTION, DESPITE THEIR EARLIER DECLARATIONS.

I HAVE PRESENTED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ON WHICH THE SOCIALIST DELEGATIONS FOCUSED THEIR PARTICULAR ATTENTION IN THE IXTH ROUND. I HOPE THAT THE RECESS-TIME WILL GIVE THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECONSIDER THESE PROBLEMS AND WILL ENABLE THEM TO TAKE A MORE REALISTIC POSITION.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE ONCE AGAIN THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTICIPANTS' POSITION HAS CREATED CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE PROGRESS IN THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS IS POSSIBLE. NOW, WE LOOK FORWARD FOR A MORE CONSTRUCTIE AND ACTIVE ATTITUDE OF THE WESTERN STATES.

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